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LB 630, 1221, 1290

President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Madam President, Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 1290 and find the same correctly engrossed. That's the only item I have this morning, Madam President. (See page 1823 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We are now on Final Reading. Will senators return to their seats, we are on Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, LB 630.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 630 is on Final Reading. I do have motions. Senator Will has the first motion. Senator, you would move to return the bill for a specific amendment, AM3577.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, this amendment is found on page 1046 of the Journal. It's an amendment that would incorporate into LB 630 the contents of what was or what is LB 1221 which was heard by the Urban Affairs Committee and advanced without dissent. And, put quite simply, this is a bill that deals with a situation when a municipality annexes a portion of a road improvement district, a sanitary improvement district or a fire protection district. What happens currently is the annexed part of this district, there's no clear cut statutory language to deal with the division of the assets and the responsibilities of whatever district is being partially annexed by the municipality, because what happens is in each of these cases an SID, a fire protection district or a road improvement, that simply becomes part of the city. And specifically in Omaha we have a situation where suburban fire districts are annexed and they become part of the city and it's unclear right now as to how the division of assets is handled. Basically, this amendment would do two things. It establishes some standards for the divisions of assets and liabilities as far as the annexation goes, ensuring that there is equitable distribution of responsibilities that are assumed by the city, responsibilities that remain with the fire district, SID, whatever, and also as far as the tax status goes, as far as the ability to provide those services. Additionally, what this